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- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
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- iv. ☐ Other _____

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a. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS – AMENDMENT C

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated November 19, 2003. Applicants filed a Notice of Appeal of the final rejection on November 17, 2003, and their Appeal Brief is due by January 17, 2004. Instead of an Appeal Brief,